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The Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (ITMRA) (commonly referred to as the Cohen Amendment) is contained in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996, which the President signed on February 10, 1996. The ITMRA takes effect 180 days after this date. Information Technology (IT) acquisition, management, and protest processes will be changing significantly as a result of this Act.

To facilitate implementation of the Act within DOD, the Office of the Secretary of Defense is establishing an integrated process team with representatives from the military departments and defense agencies. In the interim, current Federal Information Processing (FIP)/Information Technology procedures and policies remain in effect, including Delegations of Procurement Authority (DPAs), Warner exemption determinations, and LCM Program approvals.

The passage of the ITMRA is a significant step forward in changing the way we acquire and manage IT from a process orientation to performance-based management. Additional guidance implementing the Act and IT reforms within DOD and DON will be forthcoming.

Please ensure the widest distribution of this memorandum, including your subordinate activities. My staff point of contact is Mr. Bill O'Brien who may be reached at 703-6026800 and at e-mail obrienbj .ntrprs@navair.navy.mil.


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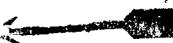
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